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OF THE

MT. PISGAH REGULAR BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

HOPEWELL REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH

Newton County, Miss.

September 16th, 17th and 18th, 1922.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

Ephesus Church, Scott County, Miss.

Saturday Before the Third Lords Day
in September 1923.

OFFICERS

W. H. RAINER.....Moderator
Little Rock, Miss.

W. J. McMULLAN.....Clerk
Newton, Miss.

J. E. GRAHAM.....Treasurer
Decatur, Miss.

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PROCEEDINGS

Of the Eighty-fifth Annual Session of the Mt. Pisgah Association of Regular Baptist, held with Hopewell Church, Newton County, Mississippi, September 16, 17, 18, 1922.

Opening prayer by J. L. Comans. The appointee being absent, Bro. Z. K. Gilmore preached the introductory sermon, text, Jude Third Verse; contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered unto the saints. Adjourned one hour for dinner, which was abundant.

1:30 P. M. The Moderator called the body to order, and appointed committee on Digest: W. H. Scoggin, J. I. Robinson, J. R. Sansing. Finance: M. R. Jones, W. H. Goodson, E. L. Robinson. On Preaching: H. P. Everett, N. V. Harrison, W. L. Robinson, with Deacons and Pastor of Hopewell Church.

Roll Call of Churches and Messengers.

Bulah.—J. E. Graham, J. L. Harrison, H. O. White, T. A. Sims.

Cross Roads.—E. B. Loper, H. E. Jermany, Roy Thornton.
County Line.—J. R. Sansing.

Cedar Grove.—T. M. Skinner, G. M. May.

Dixon.—F. C. Lovis, H. Y. Graham.

Ebenezer.—W. H. Goodson, J. I. Robinson.

Ephesus.—N. G. Greer, T. L. Walton.

Good Hope.—L. Jordan, A. May, J. Futch.

Hopewell.—J. W. Williams, J. J. Williamson, W. D. Cooksey.

Hazle.—F. Kelley, G. Hollingsworth.

Hebron.—J. S. Laird, C. S. Cooksey, C. A. Rainer.

High Hill.—D. Davidson, W. Arnold.

Little Rock.—J. W. Smith, E. Chaney.

Lawrence.—Wm. Yarbrough.

Midway.—R. M. McMullan, W. J. McMullan.

New Prospect.—J. T. Savell.

New Providence.—J. D. Blackwell.

New Ireland.—S. B. Barfoot.

Oak Grove.—J. E. Trussell, S. H. Williams.

Poplar.—J. Graham, A. Gill.

Pinckney.—J. V. Gordon, B. L. Meadow.

Pine Bluff.—A. M. Valentine, H. E. Gibb.

Pine Ridge.—N. V. Hanison, E. L. Robinson.

Pleasant Ridge.—W. L. Robinson, H. P. Everett.

Pleasant Hill.—J. T. Crane, C. C. Everts, J. H. Bishop.

Providence.—L. Johnson, L. Freeman.

Rock Hill.—W. Cross, Mrs. R. Calhoun.

Sulphur Springs.—R. M. McDill, Rev. E. W. Breland.

San Spring.—W. H. Scoggin.

Sardis.—P. L. Mosby, C. C. Easom, S. M. Warren.

Motion carried that the Association make the order per-

manent that the Clerk act instead of the Digest Committee and that he have the names of messengers enrolled and ready by the time the body convenes, afternoon of Saturday session.

Motion carried that the body now elect officers for the ensuing year, ballot called for. W. H. Rainer elected unanimously; W. J. McMullan elected Clerk by acclamation; J. E. Graham elected Treasurer by acclamation.

Correspondents called for. D. B. Cannon, W. L. Collins bid welcome from Newton County Association.

Committees to Write Reports.

Fraternal Correspondence, R. K. Cleveland and C. N. McMahon. Missions, W. H. Rainer, D. B. Cannon, J. L. Comans. Sunday School, J. W. William, J. I. Robinson, C. C. Evans. Hospitals, H. O. White, J. V. Gordon. Publication, H. Y. Graham, J. W. William. Orphanage, C. H. Crawford, F. C. Lovis, R. Calhoun. Temperance, R. M. McMullan, H. E. Jermany, Wm. Yarbrough. Nomination, J. E. Graham, S. M. Warren, J. R. Sansing. W. M. U., Sister H. P. Everett, Sister R. Calhoun. Christian Education, T. H. Sims, H. Y. Graham. Finance, M. R. Jones, E. L. Robinson, W. H. Goodson. Queries and Requests, W. L. Robinson, J. R. Sansing, M. R. Jones.

Motion carried that there be a public collection taken for Missions at the close of the preaching service at 11 a. m. Sunday.

Motion carried that the body adjourn to meet at 8 a. m. Monday.

Sunday 10 a. m. Prayer Service conducted by Bro.

At 11 a. m. Bro. G. M. May preached in the house. Bro. Wm. Yarbrough preached at the stand. Bro. McLauren preached in the school house. The preaching was able and well received. A collection for Mission was taken, \$30.56. A delicious dinner in abundance was served to everybody.

At 2 p. m. the Sunday School work was taken up and the Report was read by J. I. Robinson (see exhibit No. 3) and adopted. The report was discussed at some length by Bros. C. C. Evans, R. K. Cleveland, H. Y. Graham, H. O. White, W. H. Rainer, J. R. Sansing.

Monday, 8 A. M.

After song service, Scripture Lesson by W. H. Rainer, prayer offered by Bro. J. S. Laird. The Moderator declared the body ready for work.

Messengers from sister Associations called for. Bay Springs, Bro. Z. K. Gilmore was bid welcome. Newton County, Bro. McLauren, I. A. Hailey welcome. Octibbeha, J. G. Collins, A. A. Winstead, M. W. Langham welcome.

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Rules of Decorum Read.

Messengers called to go to the General Association, enrolled the following names: H. P. Everett, N. V. Harrison, C. A. Crawford, J. S. Laird, J. E. Graham, Wm. Yarbrough, J. L. Comans, R. K. Cleveland, T. M. Skinner, W. J. McMullan, W. H. Rainer, M. R. Jones, J. W. Williams, C. N. McMahan, R. M. McMullan, S. M. Warren.

Messengers to Scott County Association: N. G. Greer, N. V. Harrison, Bro. R. K. Cleveland elected to represent the body in the Southern Baptist Convention at the next session.

Report on State of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence read by R. K. Cleveland, discussed by R. K. Cleveland, H. O. White, J. S. Laird, W. Cross, H. P. Yarbrough, adopted (see No. 4).

Mission read by W. H. Rainer, discussed by W. H. Rainer, W. Cross, Z. K. Gilmore, H. O. White, adopted (see No. 5). Motion carried that speakers be limited to five minutes.

Orphanage read by M. R. Jones, discussed by M. R. Jones, R. K. Cleveland, S. M. Warren; a collection taken for the Orphanage, \$21.78. Adopted (see No. 6).

Hospitals read by H. O. White, discussed by H. O. White, W. H. Rainer. Adopted (see No. 7).

Temperance read by R. M. McMullan, discussed by R. M. McMullan, W. H. Rainer, J. H. Harrison, H. P. Yarbrough, J. R. Sansing, J. E. Graham, W. R. Moore, T. A. Sims, I. A. Hailey. Adopted (see No. 8).

W. M. U. read by Sister H. P. Everett, discussed by I. A. Hailey, J. E. Graham, R. K. Cleveland, H. P. Yarbrough, W. H. Rainer, H. O. White, W. J. McMullan. Adopted (see No. 9).

Adjourned one hour for refreshments. At 1:30 p. m., resumed work of the body.

Christian Education, by T. A. Sims, discussed by T. A. Sims, R. K. Cleveland, H. O. White, J. E. Graham, G. O. Parker, adopted (see No. 10).

Publication read by J. W. William, discussed by G. O. Parker, H. O. White, adopted (see No. 11).

Obituaries read by W. J. McMullan, (see No. 12).

Nomination read by J. E. Graham, adopted (see No. 13).

Querries and Requests read by M. R. Jones, adopted (see No. 14).

Finance read by M. R. Jones, adopted (see No. 15).

Motion carried that the Moderator appoint a Reading Committee at the next Association.

Resolution.

1. That the clerk be instructed to have the proceedings of this meeting printed where he can get the work most neatly

and promptly done, paying for same, when so done and approved by him, and that he distribute them among the churches as soon as possible, drawing on the treasurer for his usual salary, printer's fee, and postage, reserving a sufficient number of copies for distribution.

2. That all money on hand for the Orphanage be sent direct to the Baptist Orphanage at Jackson, Miss., by O. K. of the treasurer, and all funds on hand, after the expense of this association have been met, be sent to the General Association.

3. That we extend our sincere thanks to Hopewell church and the entire community for their kind and generous entertainment of the association.

4. That we now adjourn to meet with Ephesus Church, five miles northeast of Forest, Scott County, Saturday before the Third Lord's Day in September, 1923.

While singing "Sweet By-and-By," the parting hand was given and a fervent prayer led by Bro. I. A. Hailey in behalf of the body and its work, closed a harmonious session of the association.

W. H. RAINER, Moderator.

W. J. McMULLAN, Clerk.

State of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence with the Churches, No. 4.

Dear Brethren, we come to you with Christian greeting. We have met this time in our 85th Annual Session, with Hopewell Church. The delegation is full, or almost so. The weather has been ideal and the preaching sound and faithful, having had four sermons on Sunday. The general attendance is exceedingly large and wonderful, yet there is a lack of a desire to assemble at the stand to hear preaching. Many, so many prefer to stand around, stay away and talk, rather than hear a sermon. Refreshments were served at the noon hour publicly, and as to quality and quantity could not be surpassed. All churches have had preaching during the year.

As to the state of religion, we could not say exactly what it is. We hear that some churches are not a unit, as to the selection of pastors. In some cases it would take a number of preachers to satisfy the factions in the church. The Scriptures give the required qualifications of a pastor, and to this the laity ought to look in selecting the one who should lead them.

May we study the word and increase our piety, and thus be able to judge the qualifications necessary to the ministry.

Dear brethren, allow us, in the close of our report, to give a few admonitions. Let us remember that we are a growing people, that every year we are receiving large additions to our membership. These must have careful attention. They must

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be taught in the doctrines and in the great work of practical obedience, that they be faithful in every good work. Let us see that the poor has the Gospel preached unto them.

R. K. CLEVELAND, Chairman.

Missions.

Missions is a great word, in this word is embodied the great activities of the Christian Religion. It is the carrying out of the grand principles of human redemption. There has been a great deal accomplished already through the work of missions, and there is much to do yet.

We will not give the statistical report of the different phases of the work, but the work is advancing on all lines. We have three departments of mission work: State, Home and Foreign. Jesus said Repentance and remission of sin should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem, and ye are witnesses of these things, Luke 24th chapter, 27-28th verses.

We should be sure to build a good foundation at home which is the real basis of all of His work. We recommend that each church of this body look well after the work in this part of the state, as well as to the home and foreign fields.

We recommend that the churches send up to the General Association large contributions to help in her work.

Submitted,

W. H. RAINER, J. L. COMANS, R. CROSS, Com.

Sunday School.

Your Committee on Sunday School, would report that the Sunday School is making substantial progress. We recommend that the Association and churches place more emphasis on the Sunday School work. The Sunday School affords a great field of opportunity, where the work of our Master can be impressed upon the mind of the young people, and our older ones can exchange ideas, and be greatly benefited. We further recommend that each church maintain a Sunday School, and that the teachers be chosen from the church.

J. W. WILLIAM, J. I. ROBINSON, C. C. EVANS, Com.

Bros. C. C. Evans, was named president of the Sunday School work on the west side of the G. M. & N. R. R., known as District No. 1, and T. A. Sims on the east of G. M. & N. R. R., District No. 2, to have the supervision of the Sunday School work for this associational year, in their respective districts.

Orphanage, No. 6.

The Baptist Orphanage is located at Jackson, Miss. It is under the supervision of Rev. J. R. Carter, who is in every way

fully prepared for the responsibilities of the institution. We now have 175 boys and girls in the home. The health of the home has never been better, in fact we have not had but two deaths in the home in seven years, and scarcely any sickness at any time. We could help the Orphanage in many ways with money, syrup and other farm products, and clothing. Let us take the Orphanage Gem for 25c and keep posted on the work of the institution.

M. R. JONES.

Baptist Hospitals, No. 7.

The mission of Christ in the world was not only to heal the soul, but also the body, Mat. 8-7. He not only healed on earth, but gave his disciples power to heal, Mat. 10:8, Luke 9:2 and 10:9.

Our government has realized the great need of curing the sick and are spending thousands of dollars building and maintaining hospitals all over the country. We are glad to know that the Baptist of the State are realizing the importance of Christian hospitals and are coming to their support. We now have seventeen in the south and others being constructed. We are hoping to be able to care for the sick and in this way visit and care for those who need help. Our hospital at Jackson, Miss., and Memphis, Tenn., are caring for thousands that need help and who could not get the aid and treatment they so much need, if it were not for these great institutions. We recommend that our Baptist people patronize and support the Baptist Hospital at Jackson, Miss.

H. O. WHITE, Chairman.

Temperance, No. 8.

Brethren, we come to you with our report on Temperance. The Bible says be temperate in all things, but there are some things for each of us to abstain from absolutely. Each one according to the principle of free-will must be given the right to choose for himself but for God's sake and for our own sake, and for the sake of everything we hold dear, let us be very, very careful. For our friends sake let us be willing to deny ourselves and how shall anyone know we are willing to do a thing unless we do it. They cannot, and if we do not begin to show them they will begin to doubt, and doubt will lead to unbelief, and unbelief means damnation.

We recommend that bootlegging be suppressed, or let alone. We must keep going or get off. Virtue is not virtue unless it is passionate. It is a shame the things that we see.

Also we condemn Hawaiian music and the jazz, and say, be careful about your other music, including your church music. Some of our music seems it might be inspired by jazz, waltz, or

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rag music. Brethren is it so? For God's sake let us be careful (careful, careful, careful), and do nothing that we cannot have a good conscience after, for a good conscience is God's approval, "or should be" and God grant we may have it.

How can we expect God, in his infiniteness, to accept us if our conscience condemns us. Pray much and do all you can, approve nothing until it prove to be worthy. Try it out and then with the grace of God in your hearts make your decision. Be careful how you put the flapper and the sport forward. The devil winks when you do this.

R. M. McMULLAN, Chairman.
E. H. JERMANY,
Wm. YARBROUGH.

W. M. U. Report, No. 9.

The W. M. U. is doing great good. We are sorry to find so many of our Baptist Churches without a strong W. M. U. We do not believe in working for salvation, but we do believe that God saves us to serve Him, and helping take care of orphans and taking care of the sick; helping send the Gospel to those who are in darkness is serving Him who saves us.

We wish every Baptist woman in the bounds of the Mt. Pisgah Association could be enlisted in this work. We get a blessing through service.

Women have always had a past with Christ. They were first to find that Jesus had risen from the grave, because they were there to anoint his body. Christ commended Mary because she poured the costly ointment on Him, doing what she could. Jesus gladly accepts the best we can do for him.

MRS. LULA SADLER, Chairman.

Christian Education, No. 10.

Webster says to Educate means to instruct, to train. We understand the Christian Education to bring out the very best there is in man. Training both the mind and the Christian principals therein. That is of course to the man that has had the spirit of Christ implanted by divine power, in such individuals only this two-fold training can be done, and your committee doesn't believe it best for any man to be educated intelligently before he first has a converted heart.

One man has said it is only sharpening a tool for the devil. But Oh, my brethren, take the man with the love of God in his soul, and give him the Christian education which means both mentally and spiritually trained and you have a power for God and for humanity. While we are putting great stress on human training of course we would not forget that God says work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, knowing that it

is not you that work but God that worketh in you both to will and to do of his own good pleasure. That is our individual part, working together with the divine.

Therefore we recommend that our Baptist people patronize our Baptist schools, where we can teach what we want to teach, which is sound both religiously and intellectually. Baptist of Mississippi own and control Mississippi College at Clinton, Miss., Womans College at Hattiesburg, Miss., Blue Mountain College at Blue Mountain, Miss., Clarke Memorial College at Newton, Miss. All safe and sound places to send your boys and girls for the best of training.

T. A. SIMS, Chairman.

Publications, No. 11.

We, your Committee, beg to submit the following: It is sad indeed, when we examine our home libraries and see what our children have to read.

The impressions made on the young minds, are the impressions that live and grow, as the child develops into manhood and womanhood. Therefore, we think parents should see that their children have good literature to read. We speak of children mostly because if the child's mind is filled with good and high class reading matter, he will not depart from it when he grows into manhood.

The Book of all Books is the most neglected in our reading circles. It is a shame on us as parents that the reading of the Bible even in our homes is so badly neglected. Therefore, we should see that the Bible is read more, even in our Christian homes.

Next, we would recommend the reading of the Baptist Record, Home and Foreign Fields, Orphans Gems, and books furnished by the Baptist Book Store. The Baptist Book Store is another agency under the head of publications, through which we may obtain good literature to read. We urge our people to patronize our denominational papers and book store. We, as Christians and parents should look after the literature that our people read. It is said that the greatest minds gained their greatest thoughts in early life by reading.

Submitted,

H. Y. GRAHAM.

J. W. WILLIAMS.

Obituaries, No. 12.

Your Committee on Obituaries report, the names of our dead since the last meeting of the Association:

Sisters T. J. Bounds, N. McMahan, M. Bradley, J. W. Saterfield and E. L. Graham.

Bros. J. Everett, S. M. Stephen, L. W. King, R. L. Estus,
H. B. Thornton, F. Dansby, A. Easom, G. W. Brantley. Bro.
Brantley was a Licentiate and Deacon of Sardis church.

B. F. LOPER, Chairman.

Nomination, No. 13.

Your Committee reports that Brother J. L. Cormans preach
the next introductory sermon with H. O. White his alternate,
and that Brother W. L. Collins preach the next annual sermon
on Missions, and that Bro. J. S. Laird be his alternate.

J. E. GRAHAM, Chairman.

Queries and Requests, No. 14.

We, your Committee on Queries and Requests, submit the
following report:

We find one church, Rock Hill, asked for a letter of dis-
mission. We recommend that their request be granted. We
find seven churches, Ebenezer, New Ireland, New Prospect,
Ephesus, Cross Roads and Poplar, asking for the next session
of the Association. We recommend that the next meeting be
held with Ephesus Church, Scott Co., five miles east of Forest.

W. L. ROBINSON,

J. R. SANSING,

M. R. JONES, Com.

Finance Report, No. 15.

Your Committee on Finance, reports: We have examined
the Treasurer's books and find that he:

Received	\$100.73
Paid out	91.75
To balance	\$ 8.98
Messengers fund, S. B. C.	9.14
Sundays Collection	30.56
Received from Churches	64.75
	\$113.33
Orphanage	\$ 21.78
	\$135.21

W. R. JONES, Chairman,
E. L. ROBINSON,
W. H. GOODSON, Com.

Ministers.

Ordained.	Post Office.
R. K. Cleveland	Little Rock, Miss.
T. A. Sims	Little Rock, Miss.
W. H. Rainer	Little Rock, Miss.
J. S. Laird	Little Rock, Miss.
H. O. White	Little Rock, Miss.
J. A. Gardner	Dixon, Miss.
J. L. Comans	Dixon, Miss.
Wm. Yarbrough	Lawrence, Miss.
J. H. Saterfield	Lawrence, Miss.
R. M. McMullan	Newton, Miss.
G. M. May	Harperville, Miss.
E. D. Wedgeworth	Sylvarena, Miss.
E. W. Breland	Haze, Miss.
C. A. Crawford	Decature, Miss.
G. W. Gardner	Forest, Miss.
R. D. Pearson	Newton, Miss.
Walter Cross	Meehan, Miss.
Licentiate.	
J. M. Williams	Newton, Miss.

Chairman to Write Reports for 1923.

State of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence, J. L. Coman; Missions, R. K. Cleveland; Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U., H. Y. Graham; Orphanage, J. R. Sansing; Baptist Hospitals, R. M. McMullan; Temperance, Wm. Yarbrough; W. M. U, Mrs. Emma Everett; Christian Education, M. F. Mann; Publications, J. I. Robinson; Nomination, N. V. Harrison; Queries and Requests, J. E. Graham.

We ask that chairmen have report ready at an early date, get familiar with your subject, and if for any reason you cannot be at the next Association, send your report by your messengers, that all will be ready when your subject is called and you will oblige.

Rules of Decorum.

1. The Association shall consist of messengers chosen by the churches to which they respectively belong, and shall be styled the Mt. Pisgah Association.

2. Such messengers shall be members in good standing and no member under church censure shall be allowed to seat in the Association.

3. They shall produce letters specifying their appointment by their respective churches, and stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed excommunicated and deceased, during the preceding Associational year,

with the total number in fellowship, and such other statistical matters as the Association may direct.

4. This Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, by ballot or otherwise. Said officers shall fill their respective places, if present, at the succeeding Association, until a new election takes place, and while in office, shall discharge the duties ordinarily incidental to those offices. Provided that no one shall hold the office of Moderator for more than four consecutive terms.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the Association they shall petition by letter and messenger and if orthodox and orderly, shall be received and the Moderator shall recognize them by giving their messenger the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6. Every church shall be allowed two messengers and no more, until her number shall be one hundred; three messengers until it shall exceed one hundred and fifty; then four and no more.

7. The Association shall neither answer nor debate any query on Gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain the Articles of Faith of this Association.

8. Every motion made in order and seconded shall be reduced to writing, if requested by any member, and shall be considered by the Association, except when withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9. A motion made and lost, shall not be recorded on the minutes unless so ordered at the time.

10. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.

11. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflection on the Association, or any member thereof, and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12. No person shall speak more than once upon the same subject 'till all who may desire to speak thereon have enjoyed that privilege, and not then, until leave of the Association.

13. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question to the body.

14. The Moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken for the whole body, which shall be declared without debate.

15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any motion or proposition, and the Moderator shall vote as any other member when the question is taken; and in case of a tie, the question shall again be put to the Association,

and if not then decided, the Moderator shall then proceed to decide the matter in controversy by lot.

16. Committees shall be nominated by the Moderator subject to the approval of the Association.

17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.

19. The names of messengers shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over when necessary.

20. The minutes shall be carefully read and corrected if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

21. A motion of final adjournment shall be construed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the minutes.

22. The Association shall open with prayer.

23. The rules of order shall be distinctly read by order from the Moderator, as soon as the Association convenes on Monday.

24. The foregoing articles shall be subjected to alteration or amendment by any regular meeting of this Association by a majority of the Association.

ABSTRACTS OF FAITH—PREAMBLE.

We, the messengers of regular Baptist churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptised upon the profession of our faith, and convinced of the utility of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of union amongst churches of the same faith, form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz:

1. We believe in one Triune God the Father, Son and Holy Ghost the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe in the Scriptures of the old and new Testament were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rules of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, and in him, all his posterity in consequence of which we inherit a fallen and depraved nature consequently the Scriptural doctrine to the total depravity of human nature, and of man's inability to restore himself into the favor of God.

4. We believe that God hath loved His people with an everlasting love; that He chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that He calleth them with a holy and effectual calling being justified alone through righteousness of Christ, imputed to them, are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man—the man Jesus—who, by the satisfaction He made to

the law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath by his most precious blood, become the end of the Law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

6. We believe that the Gospel is Gods appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth—that He has commanded it to be preached to every creature and requires all men to repent, believe and obey.

7. We believe that the Gospel is effectual by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and that the sinner, in order to be saved must be born again.

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state, and all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment and the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe the visible Church of Christ is a congregation of persons who have been baptized upon a profession of faith, and who have given themselves to our Lord; and to one another in brotherly covenant to keep up a Godly discipline agreeable to the teaching of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Head and Law-giver of His Church; that the government is with the body, the church, and has equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until His second coming.

4. We believe that the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by ministers called of God and set apart to the work by the imposition of hands by a Presbytery of Regular Baptist ministers.

5. We believe that immersion only is Baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

6. We believe that none but regular baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public confession of their faith, to submit to the ordinances of the Gospel and give themselves as members to the visible church.

8. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion every member that holds doctrines contrary to the Scriptures.

Objects and Powers of the Association.

1. The Association acknowledges and maintains that each church is an independent body and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs; and therefore this Association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing its body, but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrine, or tolerate immoral practice.

2. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the churches; to inquire into any difficulties between the churches, and remove them, if possible; to give the churches the best advice it can in difficult matters, when solicited, and in general, to advance the interest of the Redeemer's kingdom in any way they may deem practical.

3. With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country, we desire to be the inalienable rights of every Association of every church of every individual member of a church, to support them according to their own views of duty and dictates of their consciences; and the right shall never be called in question in this Association. And on motion whereby the rights is called in question shall instantly be ruled out by the Moderator, as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence with other religious bodies of the same faith.

5. Ministers of the Gospel in good standing, though not messengers, may be invited to seats in the Association, but not to have the privilege of voting.

6. The Association may appoint any person or persons by and with their consent, to transact any business they deem necessary.

7. The Association may adjourn to any time and place they think proper.

8. The Association shall keep a record of the proceedings, and have them printed when necessary.

8. The Association shall have a fund, and appoint a treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for all moneys which shall come into his hands for the use of the Association.

10. The Association shall form their own By-Laws and regulate their own proceedings in such a manner as they may think expedient.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Church	Superintendent	Post Office	Secretary	Post Office	No. Teachers	No. Pupils	Average Attendance	No. Church Members	Baptised From School	No. Diplomas	Kind of Literature
Bodab	T. A. Sims	Little Rock	C. Graham	Decatur	5	67	45				Baptist
Cross Roads	A. S. Smith	Decatur	Mrs. G. Thornton	Decatur	4	50	25				"
County Line	J. R. Sansing	Union	Nettie Balack	Union	4	24					"
Cedar Grove	W. L. Gibbs	Newton	Miss Brown	Newton	8	25	20				"
Dixon	H. Y. Graham	Union	C. Morrow	Union	8	120	90		9		"
Edgewater	W. H. Goodson	Lawrence	M. Stephens	Lawrence	6	48	40				"
Good Hope	C. Gordy	Forest	E. Walton	Lake	5	56	45				"
Hale	H. C. Rush	Lake	I. M. Pace	Lawrence	6	80	50				"
Hudson	W. D. Johnson	Little Rock	May Taylor	Little Rock	6	65	40				"
High Hill	W. O. Hudson	Dixon	L. W. Brewer	Dixon	5	57	25				"
Little Rock	L. M. Taylor	Little Rock	A. Harrison	Little Rock	7	50	35				"
Lawrence	W. M. McMullan	Lawrence	F. McMullan	Lawrence	6	20	15				"
Midway	J. W. Anderson	Newton	M. Morehead	Newton	4	32	20	17		3	"
New Prospect	W. O. Hunter	Conchata	N. Wilson	Union	7	52	20				"
New Ireland	R. J. Coglan	Union	Jonie Lowry	Duffee	4	80	50				"
Oak Grove	A. M. Valentine	Duffee	Maerie Wash	Duffee	5	70	30				"
Pine Bluff	C. C. Evans	Lawrence	Jacie Weaver	Decatur	5	24	14				"
Pleasant Hill	M. J. Scarborough	Conchata	Macie Saddler	Conchata	5	85	40				"
Pleasant Ridge	W. J. Martin	Decatur	B. Johnson	Hickory	7	45	20				"
Rock Hill	R. L. Walton	Meहन		Hickory	8	25	20				"
Sards		Sebastapol		Sebastapol	7	45	35				Union Baptist

Pack Hill	Lauderdale	Little Gies	Newman	R. C. Fols	6	14	9
San Springs	Newton	W. H. Seagrims	Newton	M. Brelant	1	1	183
Southern Spgs.	Scott	J. L. Cloud	Con h tte	Philadelphia	6	1	
Sardis	Scott	M. Warren	Sebastapol	R. D. Pearson	9	2	4472
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W. M. U.

Cross Roads		Members	
Pleasant Ridge	Starks	Average Attendance	Home Mission
\$9.70	\$22.37	State Mission	Orphanage
5.00	\$32.07	Personal Service	Total
Mrs. G. Thornton	Decatur	Superintendent	Post Office
Mrs. L. Saddler	Hickory		
Miss L. Walton	Sebastapol		
Miss Lucile Freeman	Newton		
Mrs. E. Willis	Decatur	Secretary	Post Office
M. Henderson	Hickory		
Mrs. J. Finley	Sebastapol		
Mrs. L. M. McMullen	Newton		

B. Y. P. U.

Church, Bulah; President, Miss. I. C. Chaney; address, Little Rock; Secretary, Miss Annie Chaney; address, Little Rock; No. Members, 30; Average Attendance, 25.
Church, Rock Hill; President, K. Wilson; Address, Meehan; Secretary, P. P. Wilson; Address, Meehan; No. Members, 25; Average Attendance, 25.
Church, Dixon; President, Adell Dearing; Address, Philadelphia, leader of Junior B. Y. P. U.
Church, Sardis, organized B. Y. P. U.

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FINANCIAL TABLE.

Church	County	Date Organized	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Sunday School	Building and Repair	Orphanage	Local Poor	Associational Fund	B. Y. P. U.	W. M. U.	Visiting Ministers	Pastor's Salary	Value of Church	Value of Church Prop.
Bulah	Newton	1850	\$12.50							\$3.00						
Cross Roads	Newton	1850								2.10			\$20.00	\$200.00	\$1250.00	\$250.00
County Line	Neshoba	1860				9.00	16.00		15.60	1.05			29.30	43.00	500.00	60.00
Cedar Grove	Newton	1920						4.75					15.40		2500.00	25.00
Dixon	Neshoba	1898								1.50						
Ebenezer	Newton	1873								2.50						
Ephraim	Scott	1887								1.75						
Good Hope	Scott	1880		5.00						7.60			20.00			
Hale	Newton	1886			2.60	12.50	11.50	32.50								
Hope Well	Newton	1898								2.50						
Hebron	Newton	1898								2.85						
High Hill	Neshoba	1856	16.80		10.50		11.60			3.15						
Hope Well	Newton	1898								2.50						
Little Rock	Newton	1917														
Lawrence	Newton	1913														
Midway	Newton	1878	18.00	2.00	2.00	6.00		10.00		1.25			20.00	50.00	1000.00	50.00
New Prospect	Newton	1865								3.00				27.00	2000.00	
New Ireland	Newton									1.98					2100.00	
New Providence	Newton									1.50						
Oak Grove	Neshoba	1894								3.10						
Poplar	Newton	1922								2.50						
Pine Bluff	Newton	1847	6.05	3.00			25.00			1.50			8.00	40.00	400.00	100.00
Pine Bluff	Newton	1884	19.59					15.00		3.20			17.50	50.00	800.00	
Pine Ridge	Newton		2.00				2.50			1.25			12.23	70.00	1150.00	500.00
Pleasant Hill	Newton									3.70			24.85	250.00	1000.00	400.00
Pleasant Ridge	Newton	1904	12.00	1.22			22.37			3.00			8.00	75.00	1150.00	50.00
Providence	Newton	1920								1.80			10.80	50.00	360.00	50.00
Rock Hill	Lauderdale	1920	5.00							2.00					500.00	50.00
San Spring	Newton	1879					181.50			2.25					1000.00	200.00
Salphur Spring	Scott	1878								4.00						
Sardis	Scott	1848								4.00						

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